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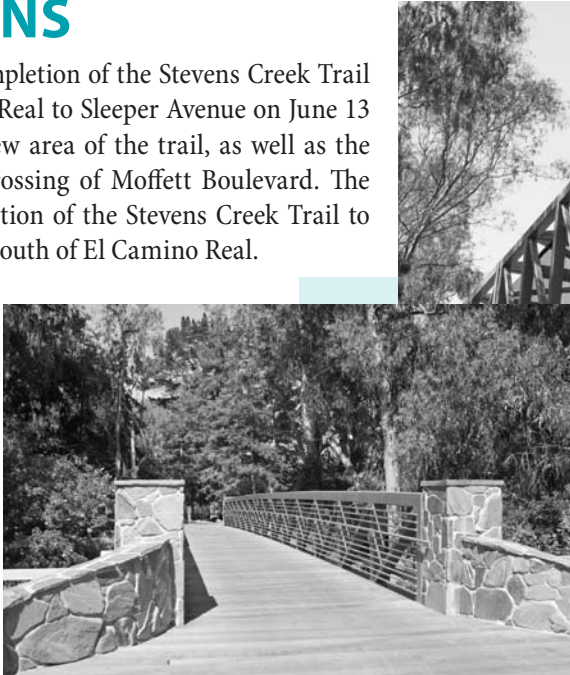
STEVENS CREEK TRAIL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR DEDICATIONS

The City celebrated the completion of the Stevens Creek Trail extension from El Camino Real to Sleeper Avenue on June 13 with the dedication of a new area of the trail, as well as the dedication of a new overcrossing of Moffett Boulevard. The project opens up a new section of the Stevens Creek Trail to residential neighborhoods south of El Camino Real.

This section of the wildlife corridor includes a paved trail lined with native shrubs, a grove of oak trees, a meadow area, and a steel bridge over Stevens Creek. The new overcrossing allows trail users to pass over Moffett Boulevard and avoid using the street-level crosswalk, eliminating the last street crossing along the trail in Mountain View. The overcrossing uses four separate bridge spans, which cross both Moffett Boulevard and the off-ramp from the freeway.

The next segment of the trail to be built will take hikers to a landing area at the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way.

When completed, the hiking and biking trail will run from Shoreline at Mountain View Park to Mountain View High School. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The City completed the first phase of public meetings and outreach to gather community input for the update to the General Plan. More than 400 community members attended seven different City-wide neighborhood workshops held in May and June. Community members discussed potential policy directions to be considered in the General Plan update. Additionally, more than 100 community members attended smaller General Plan focus group meetings.



The General Plan is a comprehensive, long-range policy document describing how the community plans to address issues such as land use, economics, housing, climate change, urban design, community services, facilities, open space and conservation. The General Plan document will be used to guide Mountain View's future development for the next twenty years.

Further City wide community outreach meetings are planned in September focusing on land use alternatives. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or visit the General Plan website at www.mountainview2030.com.

General Plan Community Meeting

Below is a list of upcoming General Plan community meetings. All meetings are from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise below.

- Monday, August 31: Miramonte/Springer – City Hall Rotunda, located at 500 Castro Street.
- Tuesday, September 1*: North Bayshore at Google located at 1300 Crittenden Lane., in the Maxwell Conference Room–
*Note: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, September 3: San Antonio/Rengstorff at the City of Mountain View Senior Center located at 266 Escuela Avenue.
- Wednesday, September 9: Moffett/Whisman at the German International School of Silicon Valley located at 310 Easy Street.
- Thursday, September 10: Central Neighborhoods at Mountain View City Hall located at 500 Castro Street.
- Tuesday, September 15: Grant Road/Sylvan – City Hall Rotunda, located at 500 Castro Street.
- Monday, September 21: Monta Loma – Rengstorff Community Center located at 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss these annual community events this Fall:

Halloween Monster Bash – October 25

Reading Day at the Library – November 14

Save the Date:

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting – December 2

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET

The City Council has adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Budget, designed to address the deficit created by the current economic downturn. Originally, the FY 2009-10 General Operating Fund budget was estimated to have a \$6.1 million structural deficit. The budget is being impacted by the global recession, which has resulted in decreased property values and consumer spending, among other impacts. (For more information on the General Fund, see page 2.)

The City Council adopted a budget that reduced the structural deficit by approximately \$3.9 million through a combination of reductions in services, programs and modest revenue enhancements. Subsequently, the City Council adopted modifications to compensation for employees, in collaboration with employee groups, of \$377,000 reducing the structural deficit to \$1.8 million. Recognizing the significant impacts of achieving the additional \$1.8 million of deficit reduction, the new budget utilizes Budget Contingency Reserve ("Rainy Day Fund") funding to eliminate the remaining deficit, allowing additional time to address the remaining structural deficit.

In conjunction with adopting the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget, a goal was set to achieve a structurally balanced General Operating Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11. This goal is considered fundamental to the City's ability to regain its fiscal stability when the economy recovers.

The fiscal challenges ahead are considerable. As a consequence, the City is beginning the budget process early (in the Fall), in order to review all alternatives to addressing this challenge. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

For
budget updates
E-mail: citybudgetinfo@mountainview.gov or call the Budget
Info Line: (650) 903-6656.
You can also subscribe to the E-Notify
service for budget E-mail
notifications on-line.

STATE SETS NEW 20% WATER CONSERVATION TARGET FOR 2020

The State of California has set a new statewide water conservation target of reducing water used 20% by 2020 to protect and improve the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem and ensure adequate water supplies for California’s growing population.



Mountain View water customers are very close to achieving the 10% voluntary conservation goal established in 2008, but additional conservation efforts will be needed to reach the State’s new 20% long-term water conservation goal.

The City of Mountain View offers a variety of programs to help residents and businesses save water, including programs offering financial incentives and technical assistance to install water-saving devices and replace landscaping. Information on how to conserve water at home and at work is available on the City’s website at <http://conservewater.mountainview.gov> or by calling the City’s Water Conservation Program at (650) 903-6216.

Capital Improvements Projects

The City’s adopted budget also includes \$21.7 million for funding of capital improvements and maintenance projects, some of which are listed below:

- Stevens Creek Trail Sleeper to Dale/Heatherstone, Construction
- Permanente Creek Pedestrian/Bike Overcrossing Highway 101, Construction
- Whisman Reservoir Seismic Upgrades, Construction
- Miscellaneous Storm/Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement
- Miscellaneous Water Main/Service Line Replacement
- Del Medio Park, Design and Construction
- North Shoreline Boulevard Storm Drainage Rehabilitation
- Street Resurfacing
- California/Escuela, California/Ortega and Whisman/Middlefield Traffic Signal Modifications

For more information, contact the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316.

FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

The City estimates it will receive \$1.87 million in stimulus funding from the Federal government this year. The monies will be distributed through a variety of funding programs, including:

- \$183,900 in Community Development Block Grant funds used for existing projects
- \$851,000 in Highway Infrastructure funds used for road resurfacing
- \$110,495 in Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds used for used for Police Department activities
- \$719,000 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds used for energy audits and new energy-saving equipment

The City is also applying for additional stimulus funds including grants to help with the construction of a new fire station and economic development funds. For more information, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301.

City Receives Grant Funds

Mountain View has received two grants recently that help fund and support City programs and services.

Health Planning Grant

The Community Development Department received \$60,000 from Silicon Valley Health Trust to assist in developing policies to improve the health of Mountain View citizens. The policies will become part of the City’s updated General Plan and influence future decisions in areas such as land use, environmental quality, housing and transportation. For more information on this project, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

New Grant Provides Free Tutors

Mountain View students and adult learners can access free online help with homework through a new program called Help Now, funded by a three-year grant from the State of California and Friends of the Mountain View Library. The only requirement is a Mountain View library card.

Help Now tutors are trained and credentialed, and available to help with math, science, social studies, English/ language arts and foreign language homework. Tutors interact with students in a virtual classroom using special and secure instant messaging. Special tools allow students and tutors to show their work and to illustrate examples with charts, graphs and other visual aids.

The service is available on both Library and home computers between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. You can use the service by accessing the Library’s home page at <http://library.mountainview.gov> Then go to the menu and select ‘resources online’, then ‘homework’. For more information, call the Mountain View Library at (650) 903-6337.

Performing Arts Committee Grant

The Performing Arts Committee received \$500 in May from the Arts Council Silicon Valley to support ongoing programs.

Understanding the General Fund:

- The General Fund is the main component of the City’s operating budget that provides for core programs and services. Other major funds include the Revitalization Authority, the Shoreline Regional Park Community, and the Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Management Enterprise Funds.
- To be able to provide a full range of services to Mountain View residents, the City relies on local tax revenues, fees and charges, and external sources, such as intergovernmental funds (State or Federal). Most of the funds the City receives, such as property tax, sales tax, and other taxes and fees are accounted for in the General Fund.
- These revenues are used to provide for public safety, planning, recreation, parks, library services, community services, and the regular maintenance of streets and other infrastructure throughout the City. The General Operating Fund provides for operational services in the City, while other special funds are restricted by law for the purpose of such funds (such as water and wastewater enterprise funds) and cannot be used for general operational purposes.
- The General Operating Fund revenues are subject to changes in economic conditions and can fluctuate significantly. Regular cyclical fluctuations can usually be factored into to longer-term analyses, but the dramatic downturn of this current recession creates increased uncertainty.

2008 WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE
The City’s 2008 Water Quality Report contains important information regarding the City’s water supply sources, water system operations and improvements, and the latest results from the City’s water quality monitoring program. A copy of the report is available on the City’s website at <http://www.mountainview.gov/civica/filebank/blobload.asp?BlobID=5840> or by calling the City’s Water Conservation Program at (650) 903-6216.

State Budget Impacts

At the time of the City’s Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget adoption in June, the State had not yet adopted a budget for its fiscal year, that began July 1, 2009. State proposals included the use of Proposition 1A, which would have borrowed \$2.5 million and \$1.8 million of property taxes from the General Fund and Shoreline Regional Park Community, respectively. Additional withholding of gas tax funds, which are used to maintain the streets in the City, and redevelopment funds from the downtown Revitalization Authority were also discussed. The City actively expressed opposition to these proposals by adopting resolutions and conducting related legislative advocacy.

In late July 2009, the State Legislature recognized at least part of the local concerns about the State budget’s impact on local communities and the unconstitutional provisions of a proposed taking of gas tax funds. The final budget passed in late July includes the Proposition 1A property tax loan and the taking of local redevelopment funds, but not the gas tax funds. At a time when cities are under even greater constraints to adopt required balanced budgets, this results in significant losses of local revenues to finance the State’s budget. For more information, contact the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301.

Council Sets FY 2009-10 Goals

As part of its annual goal-setting and budgetary processes, the City Council established five goals (not in rank order). The City Council has adopted goals for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year. The Council’s goals include:

1. Enhance the City’s volunteer service program in a strategic manner by looking at Best Practices and innovative uses.
2. Implement the elements of the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan identified by the City Council for action in Fiscal Year 2009-10 and seek additional funding opportunities and partnerships to promote and implement short- and long-term environmental sustainability initiatives in the residential and business sectors of the community.
3. Maintain constructive activities for youth (including after-school activities, summer school, teen center programs and expanded sport center activities) with emphasis on accessible school- and neighborhood-based programs and increase collaboration with school districts and nonprofits to provide expanded after-school programs.
4. Develop a Youth Master Plan.
5. Assess the Rengstorff Avenue and California Street neighborhood to look at the state of walkability and lighting, safety, park use (and pedestrian access) for families and the existing Community Center. For more information, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301.

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City Mission Statement
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

MAJOR PROJECTS



New Senior Housing Opens

In May, Mountain View celebrated the opening of a new development of 104 affordable housing apartments and the renovation of 149 existing apartments for seniors at Paulson Park Apartments, formerly known as Central Park Apartments at 111 Montebello Avenue. The City contributed \$3.32 million in Federal and local housing funds toward this project, which was developed in partnership with Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition.

The new buildings include photovoltaic panels to provide common area electricity, Energy Star appliances, Green Label Plus carpets, water-efficient fixtures, and a design that exceeds California’s energy code requirements by 15%. The rehabilitation of the older buildings includes upgraded insulation and attic vents to reduce electric and gas consumption, seismic upgrades, energy efficient exterior lighting and new dual pane windows.

For more information, about apartment requirements and availability, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

New Area Wide Warning System

In conjunction with Santa Clara County, Mountain View is about to implement an emergency notification system.

The new Alert and Warning Call Out System enables local governments to notify large numbers of users at any time, from any place to any device the user may have, including landline, cell phone, text message and E-mail. The system will be easy to access by phone or internet, and easy to use.

Mountain View was selected as one of the first cities to implement this program. The City will be conducting an informational outreach campaign in the near future to notify citizens about the program. For more information, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

Restoration of Hangar One at Moffett

The City continues to advocate for the restoration of Hangar One at Moffett Field, an important historical landmark. On June 30, 2009, the City reiterated in a letter to the Secretary of the Navy that the hangar siding should not be removed until a plan was in place to replace it. At the end of July 2009, the Navy announced a delay of action for thirty days to pursue discussions between high ranking Navy and NASA officials regarding the hangar. For further updates, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301, or visit: http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/home/2008/hangar_index.html



New Senior Advisory Committee

In June, the City Council established the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) as an outgrowth of the Senior Advisory Task Force (SATF). The Task Force was originally formed to research senior issues in the community and survey seniors and service providers regarding the housing, transportation, recreation and social service needs of local seniors. The Task Force delivered its final report to the Council this Spring. The new Senior Advisory Committee is comprised of 5 members who serve in an advisory capacity to Council on issues affecting seniors, as well as on operations of the Mountain View Senior Center. For more information, contact (650) 903-6446.



New Fire Trucks on the Job

The Fire Department’s fleet is being updated with seven new engines and one new ladder truck, all purchased from a single manufacturer to reduce purchase, maintenance and training costs. The new vehicles feature front airbags, side roll protection, back-up cameras and an EPA-approved fuel system. The new fleet will be transitioned into service in the Fall.

For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6365.



New Shoreline Maintenance Facility Opens

Mountain View celebrated the opening of the new Shoreline Maintenance Facility located in Shoreline at Mountain View in June. The new structure is an 8,300 square foot, two-story office building and shop. The facility includes a secured heavy equipment area, a 1,500 square foot storage building, a wash pad, and improved traffic circulation and parking on the site.

The new facility replaces temporary trailers and will be used by the Community Services Department and Public Services Division staff responsible for maintaining the park, golf course, and landfill, as well as patrolling the park and trails.

For more information, contact Shoreline at Mountain View staff at (650) 903-6392.

In July 2009, the City of Mountain View received the “2009 Solar Champion” Award for having one of the largest number of solar roofs in the state. According to Environment California analysis, Mountain View has more than 300 solar roofs totaling 3,144 kilowatts of solar power capacity. For more information about this award, or to view the Solar Cities report, visit: www.environmentcalifornia.org.



New Fire Station 5

In April, the City Council approved a schematic design for a new Fire Station 5 building, located at 2195 North Shoreline Boulevard. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall of 2010. The new station will allow fire apparatus to exit onto Crittenden Lane instead of Shoreline Boulevard, which is used by pedestrians attending Amphitheatre events.

The new station includes space for Fire Department equipment and personnel, and makes use of numerous energy-saving and environmentally-friendly features. The City will be seeking LEED Silver certification through the US Green Building Council.

For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6365.

PRIVATE PROJECT UPDATES

Affordable Downtown Family Housing: The City Council is considering a Planned Community Permit for the architectural and site design of a downtown family rental development, proposed for the City-owned property at the southeast corner of West Evelyn Avenue and Franklin Street. The Downtown Precise Plan allows up to 51 units to be built on the property. The units would be rent restricted in order to be affordable to households earning 60% or below the Area Median Income, which is \$63,660 for a family of four.

Last year, the City Council selected ROEM Development Corporation as the developer for the project. The City Council has decided to lease the property to ROEM instead of selling it, in order to provide more control over the long-term maintenance and operation of the property. The City has reserved \$7 million

in local housing funds for the project. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

Grant Road/Levin Avenue Housing: This June, the City Council approved a single-family residential subdivision on a 14.5 acre site at the southeast corner of Grant Road and Levin Avenue. The proposed project includes 53 single-family homes on minimum 8,000 sq. ft. lots. Architectural plans have been submitted for six conceptual unit designs, including a mixture of one- and two-story styles that range in size from approximately 2,900 – 3,400 sq. ft. The plan includes the realignment of Levin Avenue to line up with the intersection of Grant Road and Covington Road. For more

information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

San Antonio Shopping Center Project: The City Council is considering plans for the redevelopment of 16 acres of the San Antonio Shopping Center along San Antonio Road. In July, developer Merlone Grier submitted a plan proposing 430,000 square feet of commercial and restaurant space with sub-grade and on-grade parking. It is anticipated that the project will contain a grocery store, up to seven national sub-anchor retailers, four to six restaurants, one large format retailer and numerous small tenant spaces throughout the project. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

You can register
for Recreation classes
on line by visiting [http://
online.activenetwork.com/
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

READING PROGRAM SETS RECORDS

Summer Reading activities at the Mountain View Library set new records in 2009. The number of readers participating increased by 16% and the number of families participating was up 25%. More than 3,000 children and parents participated in the reading programs. Children who reached their individually set reading goals on time chose a free paperback book courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Attendance at the Library's music program for preschoolers on Tuesdays this summer was so high, the program was moved outside to accommodate the children and their families. More than 400 people attended one of the special artist performances.

The Library also offered a research game using Library resources for students in third grade and higher, afternoon presentations for school age-students, and teen programs, including digital cartooning, chess and jewelry making.

For more information on upcoming programs for children at the Library, call Karin Bricker in Library Youth Services at (650) 526-7042.

Social Networking at the Library

Learn about what's going on at the Mountain View Library at:

- Twitter (@MVPublicLibrary)
- Facebook (search for Mountain View Library)
- Delicious (<http://delicious.com/mvpl>)
- Yelp (<http://www.yelp.com/biz/city-of-mountain-view-library-mountain-view>)
- Blogspot (<http://mvpl.blogspot.com/>)
- Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mvpl>)

CELEBRATE READING DAY NOVEMBER 14

You are invited to join the celebration of Reading Day on Saturday, November 14 at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street. Reading Day activities will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include puppetry, storytelling, crafts and more.

Community members will read stories aloud to children and their families in English, Spanish and Mandarin. Notable readers will include Crittenden students and Mountain View Firefighters and Police Officers. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a special Mountain View Reads Together program for grades four and up, featuring Mountain

View author Audrey Shafer reading from her book *The Mailbox*.

For more information, call the Mountain View Library at (650) 903-6897.



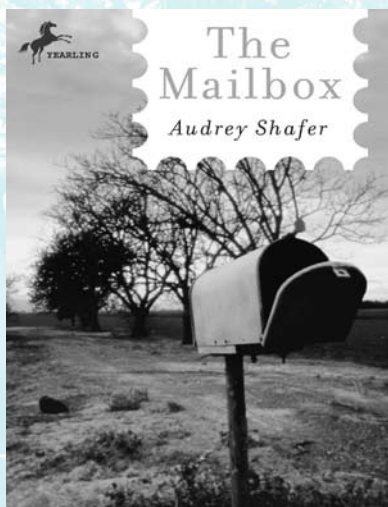
NEW BOOK FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW READS TOGETHER

The Mailbox by Audrey Shafer has been chosen as the November 2009 selection for the Mountain View Reads Together program, which brings together community members and representatives of local agencies and organizations to read and discuss the same book.

The story is about the lingering effects of the Vietnam War on soldiers, and on a 12-year-old orphan who longs for a family. Written for young people and adults, *The Mailbox* is by Mountain View resident Audrey Shafer. Shafer is an Associate Professor of Anesthesia at Stanford and an anesthesiologist at the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System.

Random House has donated 150 copies of the book to be used in local schools. Details about programs and times will be available on the Library website at <http://library.mountainview.gov> early this Fall.

For more information, call the Mountain View Library at (650) 903-6337.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

New Databases

To cut costs, the Library is changing several of its data bases. Ask at the reference desk about new ways to subscribe to specific magazines by E-mail, create and save notes about articles, and more.

Expanded DVD Collection

Box office hit DVDs are now available in the new book area of the Library thanks to the Friends of the Library. DVDs are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Job Seeking Help

The Library is helping job seekers and others by providing hands-on computer training to help search for employment opportunities, mortgages, and ways to save money. You can learn more about upcoming classes and other helpful programs by stopping by the reference desk or visiting the Library website at library.mountainview.gov.



THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE WRAPS UP A SUMMER OF FUN

The City's free series of Thursday night family events in Downtown on Castro Street, featuring live music, art exhibits, outdoor dining and the Farmer's Market held another successful third season of events. Thursday Night Live events are designed to celebrate the city's vibrant and diverse Downtown area including a wide variety of local restaurants, unique retail shopping, and innovative businesses that highlight the best of Mountain View.

CITY HOSTS INTERNATIONAL SPACE SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

Civic Center Plaza and the Center for the Performing Arts were the locations of the opening ceremonies for summer programs of the International Space University and Singularity University this past June. Students and faculty from forty countries gathered to mark the beginning of academic and research work held at NASA/Ames at Moffett Field this summer for the next generation of space entrepreneurs, scientists and engineers.

Events included a Space and Technology Showcase, multimedia and interactive presentations, music, and noted speakers from a variety of scientific fields. The innovative contributions made by Ames Research Center to aeronautics, space exploration, and sustainability were featured parts of the program.

The festivities celebrated the opening day of the 22nd annual Space Studies Program presented by the International Space University of Strasbourg, France and the inaugural class of the Singularity Graduate Studies Program located at NASA/Ames and Moffett Field. For information about NASA's Education programs, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/education>.

CHECK OUT CUESTA TENNIS CENTER

The City Council has selected Mountain View Tennis as the new operator for the Cuesta Tennis Center. The company will focus on keeping a community-oriented model designed to allow access to a wide variety of tennis programs for players of many levels at an affordable rate. The new operator will also focus on providing outreach to students in Mountain View schools. For more information about the tennis program, contact the Cuesta Tennis Center at (650) 967-5955.

For tennis, golf, arts and more class reservations, see the *Recreation Guide* inside this issue.

POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

As part of the City Council's goal to increase positive activities for youth in the community, the Recreation Division began offering a variety of additional options for youth at mid-year. Once the new school year begins, there will additional enrichment classes as well. Highlights of these program offerings include a consideration of:

- New classes will potentially include health and wellness classes (i.e. yoga, dance, and theater), life skills workshops, and homework helpers.
- The Recreation Division will continue to offer a second Teen Open Gym location and offer special events through those programs as well as other special events like Band nights, video game tournaments etc.
- The Recreation Division will also partner with the Police Department to continue to offer support to their Youth Services Unit.

For further information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



YOUTH LEARNING PROGRAMS

The Community Services Department routinely partners with local agencies and organizations to provide programming for young people in our community, including recent education programs.

Middle School Girls Program

This Spring, the City helped sponsor a program to teach young students about life during the Victorian period, including education, labor laws, street etiquette, and fashion. Children's Discovery Museum Partnership

Children's Discovery Museum Partnership

In May, thirty-five local elementary students participated in a Children's Discovery Museum bio-site program partnership with staff at Mountain View at Shoreline Park. The children visited Rengstorff House to learn about the area's maritime and landfill history, Permanente Creek Bridge to conduct pH water tests, and the salt evaporation ponds to learn about local wildlife.

For more information about youth programs, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.



POLICE OFFICERS NAMED 2009 CHAMPIONS FOR YOUTH

Mountain View Police Officers Katherine Comesana and Marco Garcia were named 2009 Champions for Youth this year by the Challenge Team, a collaborative of community leaders from Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Officer Comesana is a School Resource Officer in the Police Department. She works with students throughout the city as part of her job and is an active volunteer after work, coaching soccer and teaching young people to ride horses.

Before joining the Department, Officer Garcia worked as an At Risk Intervention Supervisor at Graham Middle School. He is an active member of Mesa de la Comunidad, a non-profit organization serving the Latino community of Mountain View, an avid soccer coach, and an outreach volunteer offering services and support to parents of at-risk youth. For more information, contact the Police Department at (650) 996-2771.



POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH CRIMEREPORTS

In an effort to foster its partnership with community members and with the goals of providing quality information and reducing crime in the city, the Mountain View Police Department has partnered with CrimeReports to provide a crime mapping service to the community. Accessed via the Mountain View Police Department website (www.mvdpd.gov) or through the CrimeReports website (www.crimereports.com), members of the public can view most crimes that occur in Mountain View on a user-friendly map.

The service is free to the public and allows community members to receive email alerts if a crime occurs near their home or business. For more information, contact the Police Department at (650) 996-2771.

CITY CELEBRATES ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE

On May 23, the City hosted a celebration of Asian/Pacific Islander culture, featuring presentations by groups with cultural origins in India, China, Japan, and Korea. Hundreds of Mountain View residents turned out to enjoy music, dancing and personal reflections by members of this diverse community on their rich heritage. Many local non-profits were present to share information about the resources and services they provide.

The event was an opportunity for the entire community to gather and celebrate the many contributions Asian/Pacific Islander cultures make in Mountain View. The City's Mayor, members of the Human Relations Commission (HRC), and the Performing Arts Committee (PAC) spearheaded the planning of the event, along with community volunteers and donors.



CENSUS 2010 (APRIL 1, 2010)—YOU COUNT!

The Federal government is preparing for the upcoming 2010 census that will be conducted throughout the United States. The Constitution mandates that a census be conducted every ten years to apportion Congressional seats and help determine the distribution of Federal funds to local, and State governments.

Census Day is April 1, 2010. Everyone is required by law to participate and the census form takes only ten minutes to complete. Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census

from being used for any other purpose. The confidential information provided in the Census on the new shorter questionnaires helps provide policy makers with an accurate picture of who we are as a community at the time of its taking. The Census directly influences the daily lives of residents through its reverberating impacts from direct representation to funding for essential services. The aim

for all Californians is to try to beat the 2009 Census mail-in response return rate of 70% in 2000, (The City of Mountain View was higher at 72%).

The City is working with agencies in the region to ensure everyone is counted. A Regional Convening Outreach meeting for the 2010 Census was held in July in Mountain View. Representatives from the Governor's Office, agencies in Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties gathered at the Community Center on Rengstorff Avenue to discuss outreach ideas that will help ensure everyone in the community participates in the upcoming Federal Census 2010. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.



CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

Connecting with your community!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

Mountain View Volunteers Services

More than 636 volunteers contributed approximately 39,000 hours of service to City programs and services this year. Volunteers work in all areas of the City including the Rengstorff House, Deer Hollow Farm, Senior Center, Performing Arts, Shoreline at Mountain View,



Library Services, Fire Department, Police Department, City Clerk's Office, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office, Public Works and Community Development Department.

For more information, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov.

"I volunteer as a patrol ranger and at the Gatehouse at Shoreline. I enjoy meeting and helping visitors. It seems that just about every day that I am at Shoreline I learn something new. It's a fun time and my bike patrol duties help me with regular exercise and fresh air. Volunteering is like the icing on a cake, it makes life interesting."

—John Krug, Shoreline Volunteer

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Center for Performing Arts – Ushers – Volunteers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, September 14 and Monday, September 21, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or E-mail Liz@mvcpa.com

Senior Services – Front Desk – Greet and give information to senior visitors. Shifts are flexible and available Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or E-mail seniorcenter@mountainview.gov

"When volunteering pick something that you are interested in or would like to learn more about as volunteering can be a learning experience as well. Most of all, giving of your self to help others is a wonderful feeling."

– Sally Corcoran, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts Volunteer

Senior Services – Computer Lab – Help older adults master simple computer techniques in the technology center. Volunteers are needed Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail megan.garverick@mountainview.gov

Deer Hollow Farm – School Year Teaching Docents – Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm, garden, and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Training and curriculum are provided. For more information, contact Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail dhfarms@mountainview.gov



Shoreline at Mountain View – Shoreline seeks friendly docents 18 years and older for the following volunteer positions:

- Volunteer Ranger
- Gatehouse Attendant
- Environmental Docent
- Rengstorff House Docent
- Rengstorff House Exhibitions and Curriculum Designer
- Gardener and Group Service Projects

For more information on the above positions, contact Kristina Rockhold at (650) 903-6073 or E-mail kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov.

Police Services – Home Security Inspection – Volunteers with a background in home construction, home security, or related field are needed to help with security inspections. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment; training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvdpd.gov or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Volunteer Services – Keeping citizens connected keeps communities strong!

"I act as the Police Department historian. I put together two books about the department. One is a straight history book about the department's first 100 years, and the other is an oral history collection called "War Stories" told by some of the retired officers. If you even manage to have half as much fun volunteering as I do, it will be well worth your time!"

–Doug Johnson, Police Department Volunteer

Police – Field Assistance Volunteer – Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in our false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses. Requires a 4-hour per month commitment; training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvdpd.gov or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail volunteers@mountainview.gov

Community Outreach Program – Volunteers who are bilingual in English and Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin) are needed to assist staff with getting information about city services out to the community at various fairs. Events occur on weekends with a 2 to 4 hour commitment. Training is provided and event dates are flexible. For more information, contact Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6145 or E-mail blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov



Upcoming Opportunities

Halloween Family – Special Event – Volunteers are needed to assist with arts, crafts, entertainment, food booths, decorations and more. The event date is Sunday, October 25, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Rengstorff Park. For more information, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

These are just a few ways that you can get involved with the City of Mountain View's Volunteer Program. If you have an idea or talent to offer, or want to join our team, call the Volunteer Services Office today at (650) 903-6607.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For Calendar updates on all meetings and events, visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/events or tune into KMTV (cable TV)

Calendar of Regular Meetings*:

City Council – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Library Board – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street

Environmental Planning Commission – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Human Relations Commission – meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Parks and Recreation Commission – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Downtown Committee – meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee – meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street

Visual Arts Committee – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Youth Advisory Committee – meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue

Senior Advisory Committee – Meetings: 3rd Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on a 10 month calendar year to be determined by the committee (anticipated to start in October 2009) after appointments are made by City Council. Senior Center, 266 Escuela

*All meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

Check out the website, KMTV, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

DON'T MISS UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Halloween Monster Bash – Sunday, October 25, Rengstorff Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Reading Day at the Library – Saturday, November 14, Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Annual Holiday Tree Lighting – Wednesday, December 2, Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

RENGSTORFF HOUSE EXHIBITS

Rengstorff House, Mountain View's historic home located at 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard in Shoreline Park, offers a series of unique exhibitions to educate the public about Mountain View's history. Upcoming exhibits include:

- September 1— 30: All About Rengstorff & Mountain View History
- October 1—November 30: Halloween and Fall Décor
- December 1—31: Holiday Décor, Presented by the Friends of 'R' House

SAVE THE DATE: MOUNTAIN VIEW TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street.

Free live holiday music, refreshments, lights and pictures with Santa Claus. You are invited to bring a can of food to help build the Giving Tree, which benefits the Mountain View Community Services Agency. For more information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



Home Composting Workshops

Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
Saturday, September 19
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
Courtyard, City Hall
500 Castro Street

Free Water-Wise Landscaping Classes

September 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: "Alternatives to Lawns"
October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon: "Gardening with Native Plants"
Classes will be held at the Mountain View Senior Center
Reserve your place by calling 650-349-3000
or e-mailing Landscape@bawasca.org

CITY BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted until a sufficient number have been received or no later than September 25, 2009 for Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on one of the following:

- **LIBRARY BOARD** (1 position)
(Meets on the third Monday evening of the month)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION** (2 positions)
(Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month)
- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (2 positions)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)
- **DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE**
— Downtown Property and Business Owner Category (2 positions)
— Community-at-Large (1 position)
(Meets as needed on a Tuesday morning)

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The commissions and committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 for further information and applications. An application can be downloaded at <http://www.mountainview.gov/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=2346>.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

- Saturday, September 12 in San Jose
- Saturday, September 18 in Sunnyvale
- Saturday, September 26 in Santa Clara
- Saturday, October 17 in Sunnyvale
- Saturday, October 24 in San Jose
- Saturday, November 14 in San Jose
- Saturday, November 21 in Sunnyvale
- Saturday, December 19 in San Jose

City Offices will be Closed:

Monday, September 7 for Labor Day

Wednesday, November 11 for Veteran's Day

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday

The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov